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1. The following observations were made in the individual sections of Camp Werder near Jueterbog (N 53/E 69) [redacted] July 1951:

Sections 1 and 2. [redacted] 1,420 troops went swimming. Twelve trucks [redacted] and 6 x 76.2-mm AT guns stood in the parking lot. (1)

Section 3. Soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced with tanks [redacted] Vehicles standing in the parking lot on 15 July were: 15 T-34/85 tanks, 3 armored vehicles with half-track drive; 2 armored vehicles mounting two heavy machine guns each; 1 light armored scout car [redacted] 4 jeeps; 16 trucks; 42 sidecar motorcycles; tank truck [redacted]

The following vehicles were parked separately and apparently belonged to the headquarters: 8 trucks, 2 jeeps, 5 light armored scout cars, [redacted] Other vehicles which were parked separately and which were definitely recognized as pertaining to the headquarters were: sedans [redacted]

light armored scout cars [redacted] 12 trucks; 1 bus and 8 jeeps. On 15 July, 370 soldiers were seen swimming. (2)

Section 4. On 10 July, troops practiced aiming with three AA guns in the parking lot. Vehicles and guns parked there were: 28 trucks, [redacted]

6 trucks mounting AA machine guns; 4 AA guns of about 40-mm; 2 field kitchens; and 3 sidecar motorcycles. (3) Ten soldiers went swimming on 21 July.

Section 11. On 21 July, 670 soldiers were seen marching to the swimming place.

Section 12. On 21 July, 2 trucks with trailers and 4 motors were parked there. (4)

Sections 14 and 15. On 18 July, troops cleaned 2 armored vehicles, mounting two heavy machine guns each, and 2 light [redacted] armored scout cars. These soldiers stated that they had been detached from another unit. [redacted] they were either MCB troops or hospital police (sic). (5) and (6)

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[redacted] one of the divisional units was still quartered in the Tauntenzien Kaserne and another on the premises of the Wittenberg Arado Plant. Both units are engaged in training activity. (7) and (8).

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3. Activity at Camp Werder-Markendorf was virtually the same in all sections. It was described as follows: at 8 a.m., 200 to 300 soldiers each section assembled for roll call and, subsequently, left for training in the field, in groups of 36 to 38 men. The soldiers remaining at the sections were detached for guard and fatigue duty. Some of the units had returned from training by 11 a.m. and received writing lessons from a sergeant. [redacted] the troops belonged to various nationalities and were being taught the Russian alphabet, so that they could communicate with each other. The entire training activity, including rehearsals by the band, was shifted to the night hours in some weeks.

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[redacted] Comments.

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- (1) No conclusion can be drawn from the present and previous report as to the identity of the units in Sections 1 and 2. [redacted]
- (2) The information confirms the division headquarters in Section 3. However, the 370 troops, 15 tanks and 42 sidecar motorcycles seen there are suggestive of still other units which are fairly definitely believed to include the 3d Gds Mtrcl Bn of the division.
- (3) A unit from Jueterbog-Altes Lager is carried in Section 4. The AA guns [redacted]

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- (4) The number of troops seen in Section 11 again allows the conclusion that regiment is quartered there. One guards tank regiment each is carried in Sections 11 and 12.
- (5) The 78th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt is carried in Section 14 and an unidentified unit, possibly a repair shop unit, in Section 15. The establishment of a hospital between these two sections was reported in May 1951. [redacted]
- (6) The numbered camp sections are keyed to a sketch attached to a previous report. [redacted] The present report confirms Camp Werder is still being occupied by elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div until 21 July.

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- (7) It is believed that elements of the headquarters remained in the Gaudentz Kaserne, Wittenberg. According to [redacted], a training unit is also located there. [redacted]
- (8) A report of November 1950 [redacted] indicated that a training unit may also be located in the Arado Plant. [redacted]

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